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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

LAGOS FOR AMBASSADORS YOUNG AND MCHENRY

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PORG, SF, WA
SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: PRESENTATION OF PROPOSAL TO THE
SECRETARY-GENERAL MARCH 30

1. WESTERN FIVE AMBASSADORS PRESENTED THE PROPOSAL
TO THE SYG PM MARCH 30. THE FIVE ADVISED THE SYG THAT
THE PROPOSALS HAD BEEN PRESENTED TO THE FRONTLINE
PRESIDENTS, NIGERIA, GABON, SOUTH AFRICA AND SWAPO;
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FURTHER, THAT THE PROPOSAL WOULD BE GIVEN TO THE
MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL ON MARCH 31. THE FIVE
SAID THAT THE SAG'S INITIAL REACTION WAS UNUSUAL IN
THAT BOTHA HAD SAID THE ANSWER TO THE PROPOSAL WOULD
COME FROM THE NAMIBIANS THEMSELVES AND THAT HE WOULD
FORWARD THE PROPOSAL TO THE ADMINISTRATOR GENERAL IN
WINDHOEK FOR DISCUSSION WITH INTERNAL POLITICAL GROUPS.

2. THE SYG EXPRESSED HIS SUPPORT AND APPRECIATION FOR THE EFFORTS OF THE FIVE AND OF THE FACT THAT THE PROPOSAL CONTINUED TO BE BASED ON RESOLUTION 385. HE NOTED THE FIVE'S CONSIDERATION OF THE LEGAL PROBLEMS AS WELL AS THE "FACTS OF LIFE" WITH REGARD TO THE NEGOTIATIONS. HE COMPARED THE SITUATION OF NAMIBIA WITH THAT OF RHODESIA. THE SYG EXPRESSED HIS HOPE THAT THE DEATH OF KAPUWO WOULD NOT AFFECT THE EFFORTS OF THE FIVE AS "SUCH ACTIONS ALWAYS BRING COUNTER-ACTIONS."

3. THE SYG ASKED SEVERAL QUESTIONS: WHAT WERE THE FIVE'S NEXT STEPS? DID THE FIVE PLAN TO CALL A MEETING OF THE SC? HOW DID THE FIVE PLAN TO HANDLE THE SPECIAL SESSION ON NAMIBIA? SINCE THE PROPOSAL WAS CONFIDENTIAL, HOW SHOULD HIS OFFICE HANDLE THE PRESS?

4. GERMAN AMBASSADOR VON WECHAMR, SPEAKING FOR THE FIVE RESPONDED THAT THE FIVE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE PROPOSAL AND COVERING LETTER TREATED AS CONFIDENTIAL, AS MARKED. THE FIVE INTENDED TO PRESENT THE PROPOSAL TO THE SC BUT HAD NOT FIXED DATE FOR A MEETING AND WOULD PREFER TO RECEIVE REACTIONS TO THE PROPOSAL BEFORE SETTING A DATE. WITH REGARD TO THE CONFIDENTIAL

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SYG'S STATEMENT TO THE PRESS, THE FIVE SUGGESTED THAT HE DRAW FROM THE TALKING POINTS GIVEN HIM BY AMBASSADOR MCHENRY.

5. THE SYG'S ASSISTANTS PRODUCED A DRAFT PRESS STATEMENT WHICH THE SYG REVIEWED FOR THE FIVE. THE STATEMENT USED THE POINTS SUGGESTED BY AMBASSADOR MCHENRY AND THE FIVE INDICATED THAT THE FORMULATION WAS ACCEPTABLE TO THEM. THE SYG'S OFFICE WILL GIVE COPIES OF THE FINAL STATEMENT TO THE FIVE MARCH 31. WELLS

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